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Summary of the prosecution

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/US00/17078, filed on 21 June 2000 and claiming priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/140,417, filed 22 June 99. The US National Phase application is further a continuation-in-part of USSN 09/720,277, which is the US National Phase of PCT/US99/14585, filed 28 June 99 and claiming priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/091,130, filed 29 June, 1998. PCT/US00/17078 received an International Preliminary Examination under PCT Chapter 2 in which claims 1-14 were found to meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).

In his Office action mailed 4 March 04, Examiner indicated that Applicant had provided an invalid PCT number in his priority claim, rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being vague and indefinite, rejected claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,504,890, Sanford, System for data sharing among independently-operating information-gathering entities with individualized conflict resolution rules, issued 2 April 1996 (hereinafter "Sanford"), rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Sanford with Forta, et al., The Coldfusion 4.0 Web Application Construction Kit, Third Edition, published Dec. 23, 1998 (henceforth "Forta"), and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Sanford with U.S. Patent 5,748,890, Goldberg, et

al., Method and system for authenticating and auditing access by a user to non-natively secured applications, issued 5 May 1998.

Applicants are amending their Specification to properly claim priority from PCT/US99/14585, are amending claim 1 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are adding a new dependent claim 15, and are otherwise traversing Examiner's rejections of the claims. Applicants' response is further accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.